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North Dakota Receives Award at National Immunization Conference

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Health received an award at the National Immunization Conference held in March for being one of three states with the most improved immunization rates since 2002 for six routinely recommended vaccines, according to Molly Sander, Immunization Program Manager.

The six recommended vaccines on which the award was based prevent against diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis B, *Haemophilus influenzae* type B, polio and chickenpox. In 2002, the immunization rate for North Dakota children ages 19 months to 35 months was 56.3 percent. In 2005, the North Dakota immunization rate for the same vaccines was 78.7 percent, an increase of 22.4 percent since 2002.

“Local public health units, physicians, parents, the state health department and all their partners have worked hard to achieve this success for our children,” said Gov. John Hoeven. “Because of their commitment to good public health, a generation of North Dakota children is growing up protected from diseases that in the past have been a source of great concern to parents, schools and communities. We congratulate them, and thank them for their dedication and their service.”

The following health-care providers and local public health units achieved 85 percent coverage or better in 2006 for children younger than 2. (It is important to note that not all providers in the state are assessed each year.)

- Q&R Clinic Mandan East – Mandan
- Dickinson Clinic/Medcenter One Health Systems – Dickinson
- Mid Dakota Clinic Kirkwood – Bismarck
- Grafton Family Clinic – Grafton
- Altru Health Clinic Pediatrics – Grand Forks

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- Altru Health Clinic Family Medicine – Grand Forks
- Grand Forks Family Residency Clinic – Grand Forks
- Meritcare Medical Group – Fargo
- MeritCare Southwest Pediatrics – Fargo
- MeritCare Clinic Jamestown – Jamestown
- MeritCare Clinic Valley City – Valley City
- MeritCare Clinic West Fargo – West Fargo
- Medcenter One Q&R Pediatrics – Bismarck
- Cavalier County Health District – Langdon
- Lake Region District Health Unit Ramsey County – Devils Lake
- Ransom County Public Health Department – Lisbon
- Central Valley Health District – Jamestown
- Upper Missouri District Health Unit – Williston
- Spirit Lake Health Center – Ft. Totten

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